(c) to (e) No Sir. The Government is in the process of building greater consensus in favour of the Constitution (79th Amendment) Bill which has been pending before the Parliament since 1992. The Bill aims a disqualification of a person contesting or for holding office as a member of either House of Parliament or State Legislature, if she/he has more than two children.

Malaria cases in Himachal Pradesh

2057. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of malaria in Himachal Pradesh from 1998 to date, district-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether there is an increase in such cases every year. If so, the details thereof during 2002-2003 and 2003-2004; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard indicating the Central aid given for fighting the menace?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The number of malaria cases State of Himachal Pradesh from 1998 to date, year-wise and district wise is given in the enclosed Statement, (See below)

(b) There is a decline in the malaria cases each year since 1998.176 Cases in 2002 and 121 Cases during 2003 (upto October) have be reported by the State.

(c) For control of malaria, National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP) has been in operation in the country as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The Central Government provides assistance to the States in the form of drugs, insecticides and technical support. Assistance is also given for capacity building including training and health educational activities. The State Government implements the programmme through

the existing health infrastructure. Central assistance provided to the State during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Central assistance provided (Rs. in lakhs)
2000-01	89.06
2001-02	36.78
2002-03	11.89

Statement

District-wise Epidemiological Situation-1998-20Q? Himachal Pradesh

Sl. No.	District	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003*
1.	Bilaspur	52	32	29	11	11	11
2.	Chamba	78	29	14	3	0	1
3.	Hamirpur	80	78	33	28	28	24
4.	Kangra	402	226	191	137	96	44
5.	Kullu	127	18	29	3	1	1
6.	Mandi	147	96	74	48	14	14
7.	Shimla	65	66	46	36	16	12
8.	Sirmour	257	75	29	20	0	10
9.	Solan	55	9	18	17	1	1
10.	Una	170	71	28	46	9	3
	State Total	1433	700	491	349	176	121

*Upto October

Healthcare facilities in Himachal Pradesh

2058. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Himachal Pradesh has